

ADR Commission Policies
As of April 27, 2010

1. Trainers with approved curriculum will pay to the ADR Commission, \$100.00 for each person attending the training session. (Adopted 3/3/97) – NOTE – Trainers with approved curriculum of 40 hours or more will pay the ADR Commission \$100.00 for each person attending the training session(s). Trainers with approved curriculum of less than 40 hours will pay to the ADR Commission \$50.00 for each person attending the training session(s). (Revised 8/29/05). NOTE – graduate schools that have received approval for their graduate program mediation courses will fall under this policy effective July 1, 2010. (Adopted 4/27/10).
2. An applicant to become a Rule 31 listed Neutral will not be approved if the applicant has been licensed at one time and is no longer licensed in his/her occupation or profession due to disciplinary reasons. The applicant may reapply when his/her license has been restored. (Adopted 3/9/98).
3. All mediators listed as a Rule 31 mediator must renew the January following his/her listing and pay the \$100.00 renewal fee. (Adopted 10/27/03).
4. All ADR Commission members shall fulfill and comply with all annual renewal requirements as required by all Rule 31 listed mediators. (Adopted 1/26/04).
5. No individual or applicant for listing as a Rule 31 Mediator under Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee shall advertise or proclaim in any manner that he/she is listed as such until approved by formal action of the ADR Commission. (Adopted 11/1/04).
6. Law school attendance is not equivalent to practical work experience as required by Section 17 of Rule 31. (Adopted 7/18/06).
7. If a mediator from another State can demonstrate: (1) that he/she has received training which meets that State's requirements and that such training is substantially equivalent to Tennessee Rule 31 training, and (2) that he/she is in good standing with that other State's equivalent to the ADR Commission of the Tennessee Supreme Court, the mediator may ask the ADR Commission to waive the Tennessee training requirements based on the mediator's prior training. (Adopted 10/28/08).
8. A retired judge applicant's experience on the bench shall not be a substitution for the initial listing requirements indicated in Rule 31 Section 17 for purposes of Rule 31 Mediator listing. (Adopted 7/31/07).
9. Applicants for Rule 31 Mediator listing shall be required to take the initial 40 hour general civil training and 40 or 46 hour family training prior to taking a cross-over training for purposes of Rule 31 Mediator listing. This policy shall apply to applications for listing received on or after July 31, 2007. (Adopted 7/31/07).

- 10. Effective January 1, 2008 all mediators listed pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 31 will be required to submit reports as prescribed by the Commission, regarding any mediation beginning on or after January 1, 2008 except as to matters pending in state courts outside of Tennessee and the Federal Court System. Mediators will have 15 calendar days from the date of the last mediation session to submit the report to the AOC. This policy does not affect any other reporting obligation required of a Rule 31 listed mediator.**
- 11. Time spent attending ADR Commission meetings shall not be applied towards continuing mediation education hours required of ADR Commission members who are Rule 31 listed mediators. (Adopted 7/15/08).**